(iv) A scheme for setting up common effluent treatment plants from clusters of small-scale industrial units is under implementation. Financial assistance is provided to the small scale units under the scheme.

(v) The Government is implementing a major plan for introduction of unleaded petrol and catalytic converter fitted vehicles, introduction of low-sulphur diesel and introduction of tighter emission norms in a phased manner.

(vi) Twenty-two industrial pockets/areas in towns/ cities in the country have been identified by the Government as critically polluted areas where concerted action has been initiated for controlling pollution.

(vii) The National Technology Mission has been set up to make recommendations on urban solid waste management.

Edible Oil

1693. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the total production of mustard and other edible oils in the country during each of the last three years, category and State-wise;

(b) the reasons for decrease in production, if any;

(c) the States where the oil is produced in large quantity; and

(d) the measures contemplated by the Government to further boost the production of edible oils?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) The total production of all edible oils including that of mustard oil has been estimated on the basis of production of total oilseeds. The category and State-wise production of edible oils is not available. The estimated availability of all edible oils including that of mustard oil during last three years is as under :

(Lakh tonnes)

	Estimated net availability of all edible oils*	Mustard oil
1993-94	61.70	16.52
1994-95	62.54	18.23
1995-96	65.70	19.65

*includes groundnut, castorseed, sesame, nigerseed, rapeseed and mustard, linseed, safflower, sunflower, ricebran, soyabean, etc.

(b) There is no decrease in production.

(c) The States where oil is produced in large quantities are Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, etc.

(d) The measures being taken/comtemplated by the Government to further boost the production of edible oilseeds/edible oils include :

(i) Intensification of efforts for implementation of Oilseeds Production Programme, area expansion through sequential cropping, inter-cropping, etc.,

(ii) Replacement of low economic crop,

(iii) Increase in productivity by providing various services inputs,

(iv) Assistance for production and distribution of seeds,

(v) Distribution of mini kits, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements and chemicals, etc. for enhancing production of edible oilseeds. In addition, front line and general demonstrations are conducted on farmers' fields to transfer the production technology.

(vi) Setting up of necessary processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with the production programme of oilseeds.

Bomb Blast in Delhi

1694. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the bomb blast incidents are on the increase trend in the NCT Delhi for the last three months;

(b) if so, whether the Government have initiated any action against the persons involved in them; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. During the last three months, only one such incident took place in the National Capital Territory of Delhi. A case under Sections 302/307/120-B of I.P.C. and Sections 3/4/5 of Explosive Substances Act was registered at Police Station Sriniwas Puri, New Delhi for investigation. No person has been arrested so far in connection with this blast.

Storage Facilities

1695. SHRI I.D. SWAMI :
DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI SURESH PRABHU :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantum of wheat and rice procured from the different States for public distribution purpose during 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 till date, State/U.T.-wise;

(b) the loss suffered due to improper storage and pilferage of foodgrains during the said period, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to create more storage facilities in tune with the increase in the production of foodgrains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Statements giving requisite information are at Statement I and II.

(b) FCI has reported that foodgrains are stored in a scientific manner. Question of any loss suffered due to improper storage, therefore, does not arise.

Statement showing the losses suffered due to theft and pilferage of foodgrains from 1993-94 to 1996-97 (upto 29.11.96) is at Statement III and III(i).

(c) and (d). Storage capacity available with the FCI, CWC and SWCs as on 1.8:1996 is as under :

(In lakh tonnes)

Agency	Covered	Cap	Total
FCI	202.74	46.51	249.25
CWC	64.58	5.06	69.64
SWCs	113.29	4.40	117.69

For storage of foodgrains at macro level, the existing storage capacity is considered adequate to store the available stocks. However, difficulties do arise in the heavy procurement areas. In the VIII Five Year Plan period, the target is to construct additional storage capacity of 4.65 lakh MTs. by FCI at strategic locations. Godown capacity of 0.33 lakh tonnes is proposed to be constructed in the year 1996-97 at following locations:

		Tonnes
1.	Kullu (Himachal Pradesh)	1,670
2.	Srinagar (J & K)	1,670
3.	Udipi (Karntaka)	10,000
4.	Dhamora (U.P.)	10,000
5.	Roza (U.P.)	10,000
		33,340

STATEMENT-I

Procurement of Rice

(In lakh Tonnes)

State/UT	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (29.11.96)
1	2	3	4	5
A. Contributing to Central Pool				
Andhra Pradesh	39.87	40.24	36.24	1.38
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-
Assam	0.05	0.01	0.02	-
Bihar	0.03	0.01	Neg.	-
Haryana	12.48	14.25	6.88	6.48
Himachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-
Karnataka	1.34	0.44	0.78	-
Madhya Pradesh	8.04	7.59	6.87	0.19
Maharashtra	0.86	0.66	0.37	0.06
Orissa	3.88	3.27	4.56	0.33
Punjab	54.86	58.26	34.56	37.04
Rajasthan	0.21	0.25	0.02	-
Uttar Pradesh	12.95	7.27	7.20	1.51
West Bengal	1.61	1.51	1.30	0.01
Chandigarh	0.26	0.23	-	-
Delhi	0.05	0.04	-	-
Pondicherry	0.02	-	-	-
Total (A) :	136.51	134.03	98.80	47.00
B. Not Contributing to Central Pool				
Gujarat	0.20	0.11	-	-
Jammu & Kashmir	-	-	-	-
Tamil Nadu	15.89	2.91	0.97	0.67
Total (B):	6.09	3.02	0.97	0.67
Total (A) + (B)	142.60	137.05	99.77	47.67

STATEMENT-II

Procurement of Wheat

(In lakh Tonnes)

State/UT	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (26.11.96)
Bihar	-	Neg.	Neg.	
Gujarat	Neg.	-	1	
Haryana	34.54	30.47	31.02	20.60
Himachal Pradesh	0.01	Neg.	-	-
Jammu & Kashmir	-	-	-	-
Madhya Pradesh	0.42	0.66	1.69	0.05
Punjab	64.94	72.85	72.99	56.28
Rajasthan	4.96	0.65	4.54	2.29
Uttar Pradesh	21.28	14.06	13.02	2.61
Chandigarh	Neg.	-	-	-
Delhi	0.20	-	Neg.	-
All India Total :	128.35	118.69	123.27	81.83

Neg. : below 500 tonnes.

STATEMENT-III

Summary of theft/pilferage cases of Foodgrains during the year 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 provisional operational data.

S.No	Name of the Zone/Region	1993-94		1994-95	
		No. of cases	Amount	No. of cases	Amount
North Zone					
1.	Punjab	5	5,69,493.00	2	2,31,048.00*
2.	U.P.	1	6,665.00	7	1,40,434.00 (19,771.00)*
3.	Rajasthan	5	16,715.00 (1,790.00)*	8	52,481.00 (5,347.00)*
West Zone					
4.	Maharashtra	8	50,956.00 (1,615.00)*	16	50,419.00
5.	M.P.	8	18,033.00	4	7,507.00
South Zone					
6.	Karnataka	1	15,552.00	-	-
7.	A.P.	-	-	-	-
8.	Kerala	1	4,231.00	-	-
9.	J.M. (PO) Vizag	-	-	-	-
East Zone					
10.	Orissa	-	-	-	-
11.	West Bengal	9	7,04,436.00	3	20,407.00
12.	Bihar	-	-	2	49,120.00
13.	J.M. (PO) Calcutta	59	6,99,184.00	24	10,12,344.00
North East Zone					
14.	Guwahati	1	22,625.00	1	57,015.00
		98	21,07,890.00	67	16,20,775.00
*Amount Already Recovered			3,405.00		2,56,106.00
		98	21,04,485.00	67	13,64,699.00

STATEMENT-III (I)

S.No.	1995-96		1996-97 (upto Sept. 96)		Total	
	No. of cases	Amount	No. of cases	Amount	No. of cases	Amount
	7	8	9	10	11	12
1.	1	2,50,000.00	-	-	8	10,50,541.00
2.	2	1,11,480.00	-	-	10	2,58,579.00
3.	1	2,412.00	-	-	14	71,608.00
4.	7	61,044.00 (2,291.00)*	1	3,694.00	32	1,66,113.00
5.	-	-	-	-	12	25,540.00
6.	-	-	-	-	1	15,552.00

	7	8	9	10	11	12
7.	1	10,686.00	-	-	1	10,686.00
8.	-	-	-	-	1	4,231.00
9.	1	11,524.00	-	-	1	11,524.00
10.	2	9,050.00*	-	-	2	9,050.00
11.	1	1,1,623.00	-	-	13	7,26,466.00
12.	-	-	-	6,335.00	4	55,455.00
13.	2	1,24,950.00	-	-	85	18,36,478.00
14.	-	-	-	-	2	79,640.00
	18	5,82,769.00	3	10,029.00	186	43,21,463.00
		11,341.00				2,70,852.00
	18	5,71,428.00	3	10,029.00	186	40,50,611.00

Technical Education to Handicapped

1696. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any special scheme has been introduced in Rajasthan to provide technical education to the blind and handicapped persons;

(b) if so, funds allocated for each schedule during the last three years, district-wise;

(c) the number of persons benefited under the scheme so far category-wise and district-wise;

(d) the details of the efforts being made for the efficient implementation of the scheme;

(e) the reasons for not paying the salaries to teachers and employees of blind school, Udaipur for quite sometime; and

(f) the time by which the same would be paid?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (d). No special scheme has been introduced exclusively for Rajasthan. Under the scheme of Assistance to Organisations for the Disabled grants in aids are open to Non-Governmental Organisations all over the country including Rajasthan. Grant-in-aid is given by the Ministry of Welfare to Non-Governmental Organisations for undertaking various activities for the welfare of the disabled including provision of technical education. Under this scheme no allocation of funds is made State-wise. However, the amounts of the grant-in-aid released to the various Non-Governmental Organisations functioning in Rajasthan during the last 3 years, as also the number of beneficiaries is given in the enclosed Statement.

Efforts are made to release grant-in-aid to Non-Governmental Organisations in time so that the activities run smoothly. Also instalments of grants are released only whenever State Government concerned has given a favourable recommendations based on the physical inspection of the organisations.

(e) and (f). The information is being collected from the State Government of Rajasthan.

STATEMENT

Technical Education to Handicapped

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Scheme	Year					
	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
	Amount released	Beneficiaries	Amount released	Beneficiaries	Amount released	Beneficiaries
Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Disabled	22.74	586	34.05	820	38.57	670

[English]

Standard of Education in Agricultural Universities

1697. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fall in the Educational and Research standards in the Agricultural Universities in the country during the past five years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of Central assistance released under various schemes to the Agricultural Universities and